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THE TRENTON CASE BOMBSHELL

Defendants acted drugged at 'confession', doctor says

By William A. Reuben
GUARDIAN special correspondent

TRENTON, N. J.

THE prosecution's claim that the defendants in the trial of the Trenton Six signed voluntary confessions appeared to have been shattered last Friday by the doctor who examined the men three years ago, at the time of the signing.

When Dr. James Minor Sullivan 3d was sworn as a witness for the state on Thursday, this was his story beginning shortly after the murder of the junk dealer William Horner:

He had been called in to examine the defendants at the now-famous midnight "confession" signing ceremony in 1948. One week thereafter he was appointed to a $2,600-a-year job with the City of Trenton. At the first trial he testified that the defendants had in no way been mistreated during their five-day detention. A few weeks before the second trial was scheduled to begin last January (it was postponed several weeks) Dr. Sullivan was given a $4,000-a-year post with the County. Prosecutor Mario H. Volpe described him as a "dis-interested observer, a member of the same race as the defendants."

THE BOMBSHELL: On Thursday, repeating the testimony he gave at the first trial, Dr. Sullivan said he had examined and questioned the defendants when they signed "confessions," that there was no sign of abuse, that none of the men made complaints to him.

This testimony followed similar testimony by seven policemen in the ten days since the jury was excused during the discussion of the admissability of the "confessions" as evidence.

Dr. Sullivan resumed the stand on Friday morning and dropped a bombshell into the proceedings. He volunteered to list symptoms manifested by drugged persons and attributed some of these symptoms to each of five defendants who signed one of the alleged "confessions."

He described McKinley Forrest as "in a state of excitement, shaking all over as he tried to take his clothes off"; James Thorpe as depressed and suggestible; Collis English as "highly nervous and confused"; John MacKenzie and Ralph Cooper as having an appearance that could have been induced only by drugs.

DEFENSE OBJECTS: In redirect examination the flabbergasted prosecutor read to the doctor extracts from his previous testimony. Defense attorneys bitterly argued that this was an improper attempt by the state to impeach the testimony of its own witness. Judge Ralph J. Smalley allowed the prosecutor to continue and himself participated in the questioning.

The judge pressed for an elaboration of Dr. Sullivan's description of Forrest and the state's witness replied:

"Forrest was so afraid and excited that he couldn't tell what was going on."

Volpe, reading from the record, reminded the witness that he had attributed Cooper's appearance to lack of sleep, too much sleep, or the seriousness of the charges against him. Dr. Sullivan answered that, no matter what he had testified to previously,

"the appearance of Cooper's eyes suggested to me the use of marijuana."

WITNESS UNSHAKEN: Then came the following questions about Cooper by Judge Smalley and Dr. Sullivan's answers:

Q. What might have caused this condition?
A. A reefer.
Q. Anything else?
A. A drug.
Q. Is there anything else?
A. No.

Judge Smalley then inquired about MacKenzie and the doctor replied: "A drug could have been used."

Q. [by Volpe)] Now doctor, I ask you, is that a speculation or a conjectural opinion?
A. No, that's my observation as to the condition at the time I examined him.
Q. [by Volpe]. What besides drugs might have caused this (state)?
A. I don't know of any other situation that would have put a person in a controlled state other than hypnosis.

Late Friday defendant Collis English was taken to the hospital for examination for a heart condition. There was some speculation that the trial might come to an abrupt halt if English's condition was serious enough to require lengthy hospitalization.

DOUBLE—OR NOTHING

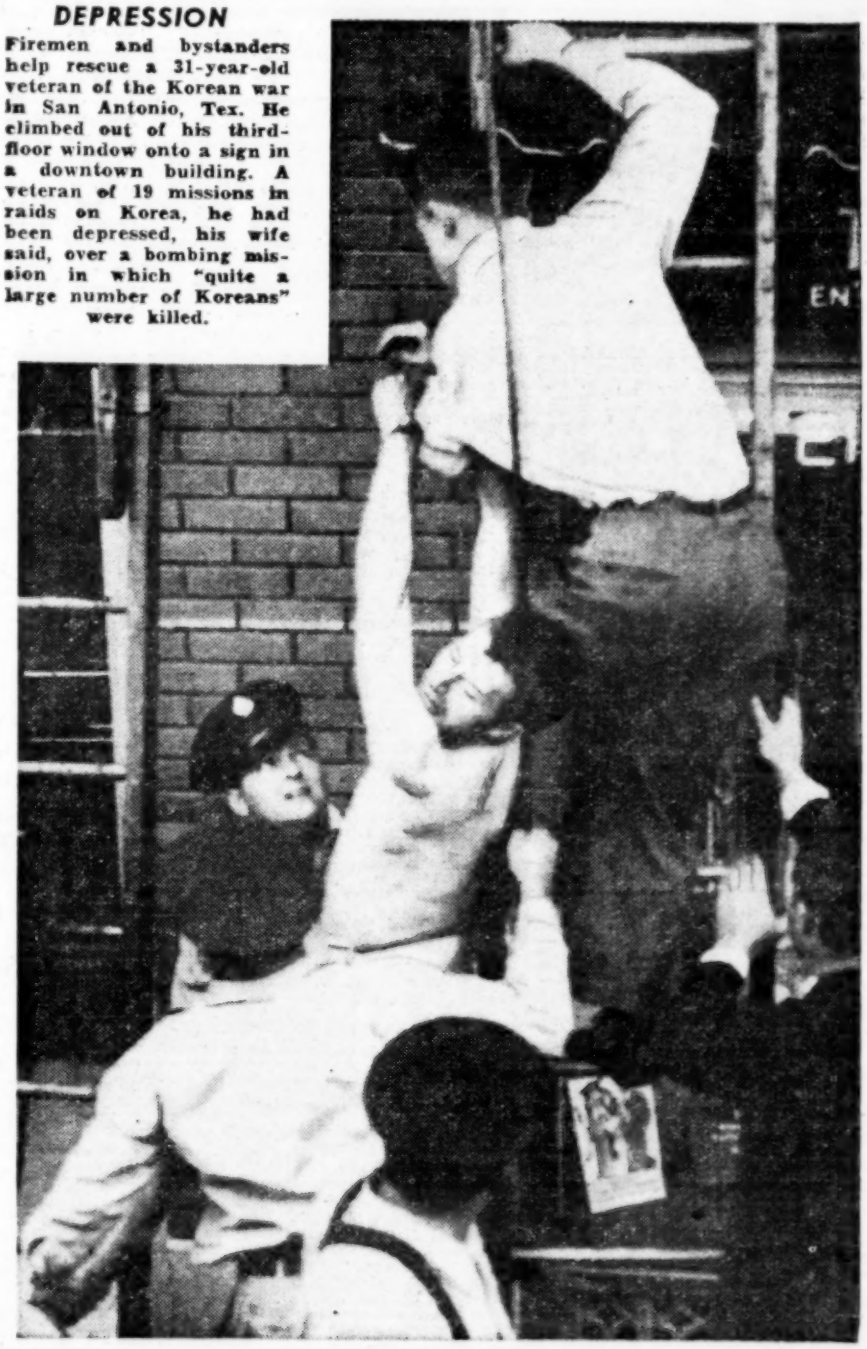
COMPARISON of ads in Louisville, Ky., newspapers show that you got two loaves of bread for 19c in 1946; now you get one. Other comparisons between '46 and '51:

Product	March 1946	March 1951
Coffee (lead. br'd)	62c (2 lbs.)	92c (1 lb.)
Soap flakes	23c	32c
Hamburger	25c lb.	69c lb.
Sirloin steak	39c lb.	99c lb.
Lamb chops	41c lb.	67c lb.
Salad oil	27c pt.	32c pt.
Cigarets	$1.40 cart.	$1.70 cart.
Canned peas	11c	19c
Grapefruit	8 for 35c	3 for 29c

In Portland, Ore., food prices in February were at an all-time high. In 1939 purchasing terms, Portland's food dollar had shrunk to 40c.

DEPRESSION

Firemen and bystanders help rescue a 31-year-old veteran of the Korean war in San Antonio, Tex. He climbed out of his third-floor window onto a sign in a downtown building. A veteran of 19 missions in raids on Korea, he had been depressed, his wife said, over a bombing mission in which "quite a large number of Koreans" were killed.



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Josephine Baker with relatives of the Trenton Six

The celebrated entertainer talking backstage at Philadelphia's Earle Theater with Mrs. Emma English (center), mother of Collis English, and McKinley Forrest's 14-year-old daughter Jean. The same day she visited the courtroom in Trenton.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

(b. Jan. 30, 1882; d. April 12, 1945)

We could get a world accord on world peace immediately if the people of the world could speak for themselves. Through all the centuries of recorded history . . . wars were made by governments. . . . They [the people] wondered whether the people themselves could not some day prevent governments from making war . . . to propose in this newer generation that from now on war by governments shall be changed to peace by peoples. —*December 28, 1933*

Industrial and agricultural production for a war market may give immense fortunes to a few men; for the nation as a whole it produces disaster. It was the prospect of war profits that caused the extension of monopoly and unjustified expansion of industry and a price level so high that the normal relationship between debtor and creditor was destroyed. . . . [It is] hard for many Americans, I fear, to look beyond—to realize the inevitable penalties, the inevitable day of reckoning, that come from false prosperity. To resist the clamor of that greed . . . would require the unswerving support of all Americans who love peace. —*August 14, 1936*

Vast armaments are rising on every side and . . . the work of creating them employs men and women by the millions. . . . Such employment is false employment; . . . it builds no permanent structures and creates no consumers' goods for the maintenance of lasting prosperity. We know that nations guilty of these follies inevitably face the day when either their weapons of destruction must be used against their neighbors or when an unsound economy, like a house of cards, will fall apart.

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THE MAIL BAG

"Hot-cockalorum"

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Remember the old man in the childhood story book who insisted that his pants were not pants, but "squibs-and-crackers" and that his bed was his "barnacle"? He demanded that fire be called, not fire, but "hot-cockalorum." He himself was to be called "Master-of-all-masters."

I used to think this was fantasy, but now I am sure that somewhere on the Potomac, Master-of-all-masters gets out of his barnacle, pulls on his squibs-and-crackers, marches to his office, and sends out releases on the "emergency" with its 55,000 casualties, orders that working for Peace be called "subversive activity" and its perpetrators jailed, demands that political straitjackets be called "freedom," that imperialism be called "liberation," and Chiang Kai-shek be called "the people's choice." Margaret T. Gibbs

That extra copy

CHICAGO, ILL.

Thank you for your extra copy. I used it to sell the enclosed sub. My check includes $3 to start a sub to my friend in England. The extra copy is a splendid idea. Harriette Piper

And a splendid response! To all readers: Go thou and do likewise. Ed.

A college speaks up

BELLINGHAM, WASH.

Almost 100 members of the faculty, staff and student body of Western Washington College of Education signed a telegram petition to President Truman insisting that he intervene to see a just trial given Willie McGee.

Signers included the President of the associated student body, the presidents of the Young Republican and the Young Democrat clubs, the officers of the International Relations Club, and the Social Science Club (as individuals), and the editor of the Collegian (college newspaper).

For some reason the editor, in the following edition of the paper, saw fit to condemn the petition in a violent and ambiguous editorial. But he apparently deceived no one for not a single signer asked to have his name removed; in fact, the red-baiting of the editorial was answered by a full Letters column the following week condemning the hysterial tirade. Lyle E. Daniel

Thoughtful Chicagoans

CHICAGO, ILL.

Thank you for your copy of the GUARDIAN devoted to American prisoners of war. I was very happy to read that article, especially with a son involved at this time. I am sure you have received piles of letters extending their thanks.

Several subscribers of yours in this Chicago locality were thoughtful enough to call us and even mailed us copies saying my son was listed among the many American prisoners of war in Korea.

Let me thank you from the bottom of my heart in behalf of the family. Harry Hikida

The Larry Parks story

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Larry Parks went his imitation of Al Jolson one better. . . . He got down on both knees.

Uriah Genermae

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SCAPOOSE, ORE.

Among the "Communists" named by Larry Parks before the Un-American Committee are 12 famous actors who have never been even suspected. As a reward, informer Larry Parks will be allowed to keep his job. It must be a terrible thing to be the mother of a boy such as Larry. Vincent Noga

Weir's statement

DETROIT, MICH.

I recently distributed more than 70 copies of E. T. Weir's "Statement on our Foreign Situation" to my middle-class friends in order to kindle their courage to work for peace. I wrote a letter of commendation to Mr. Weir and got a personal reply with some really remarkable statements. Alice Herz

Half a century ago

WILLERNIE, MINN.

The March 28 GUARDIAN certainly turned back some pages of memory—nearly half a century. I was temporarily stationed at Payett, Idaho, at the time of the Moyer-Heywood-Pettibone trial at Boise, which I attended.

I heard Harry Orchard tell his tale and I heard the jury announce: not guilty.

As I look back over those years I recall a lot of mud and slush has gone over the dam and, if you ask me, there's a lot more to come. I wish I was as young as I used to be. I'd do something.

O. M. Thomasen

A mighty fine idea

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

In groping for some means of staving off Fascism by uniting minority parties and groups, the old adage about skinning a cat seems to be forgotten. Conventional political methods have been tried and have failed. It may be that if individuals would privately, by direct correspondence, exchange ideas and suggestions something might be hit upon which would achieve the unity we must have if democracy is not to die. The GUARDIAN cannot give the space necessary to such a discussion.

F. B. Morris
2725 West Kiowa St.

Spiritual companion

ABINGTON, MASS.

Accept the fiver as a token of my appreciation of the spiritual companionship which the GUARDIAN affords a small-town pastor.

The GUARDIAN is on the solid foundation of the greatest ethical principles of world religions. Unless the majestic precepts of love, peace and mercy are mere illusions, we are destined for ultimate victory. Rev. Francis C. Anderson Jr.

Stick to peace knitting

BERKELEY, CALIF.

I want to back up H. Lightstone in the Mailbag of March 7. The last 2 or 3 issues have been slightly suggestive of a saintly role for the U.S.S.R. What the hell is N.G. for, Peace or Russia? Russia can take care of herself, you just plug for Peace. Composite signature

Down, please!

DETROIT, MICH.

During this so called National Emergency with lay-offs, short work weeks, the workers find the Escalator Pacts rumbling in their empty stomachs. Eino Hiltunen

Salt of the earth

BAYARD, N. M.

I had to dig for this $2, with the high tax bill I have to pay I can't make ends meet, but later on I will gladly send in a contribution. I also have a big doctor bill for a sick baby that I have. The GUARDIAN is one of the few friends of the poor people. Jose L. Ramirez

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Enclosed is $10 to keep the GUARDIAN angel in my house. I wonder how long it will take the people to see the Big Lie. Emily Raines

That's the idea

EAST ORANGE, N. J.

A former Prime Minister of Great Britain said to one of his statesmen: "You can't kill an idea with bullets; you can only kill it with a better idea." M. D. S.

The mental hospitals

GREENUP, ILL.

Someone recently sent me a copy of your paper, with one of the California Eagle. While I recognize the seriousness of the Negroes' cause, I have no time or strength for any other cause than that of the victims of so-called mental hospitals.

I have pointed out to the NAACP, and to Tuskegee Institute, that in some states the Negroes are much worse treated than the white people in so-called mental hospitals, and that all the hard work of the institutions is done by the so-called patients as slaves; but they take the view that as long as the white people are also slaves—working for nothing, not even decent food and accommodations—there is no racial discrimination, so it is no concern of theirs. I wish some editor in this country would take an interest in this slavery.

No doubt you have noticed that a Yale scientist has been in a state hospital "as a patient" for two months; and he is said to have come to the conclusions that some of us have tried in vain for many years to get into circulation.

Edith G. G. Graff, M. D.

Good builder too

INIANAPOLIS, IND.

The GUARDIAN not only helps those who are fighting for peace from feeling isolated but serves as a stout tool in organization.

LaRue Spiker, State Director
Progressive Party of Indiana

REPORT TO READERS

Won't you return that postage-paid sub blank?

SAY, FRIEND: What did you ever do with that postage-paid subscription envelope we sent you last month along with an extra copy of the GUARDIAN? Didn't mislay it, did you?

It's been a month or more since the first ones went out, and everyone has had one for at least two weeks. Yet up to now the number to come back to us with new subs enclosed has been alarmingly small.

We of the GUARDIAN are really counting on you not to waste that return envelope. We need the readers and the people around you can centainly use the GUARDIAN as an antidote to the poison-ivy press of this country.

So let's get together on this. The hard facts are that papers like the GUARDIAN have to be built by individual elbow grease—by YOU handing the paper to others and getting them to cough up $2 for their own subscription. That's the way the GUARDIAN has got as far as it has—matter of fact it is probably the way you got your own first copy.

YES, WE'VE TRIED (and are still trying) the "organizational approach" but we would be less than candid if we didn't admit that up to now this has been the same old merry-go-round that the campaign singers used to chortle about in '48.

We've offered handsome commissions and caught the checks for some rather monumental mailing bills, and some clubs have cooperated to the fullest; but up to now the results have been on the whole a goose-egg compared to the building job our own readers have done on this paper since the week it was born back in the fall of '48.

Hence we're back again on the old "Have you got four friends?" track—and we'll gladly settle for just one if you can find four who don't already get the GUARDIAN.

SO RETURN THAT ENVELOPE — don't pigeon-hole it, don't chuck it out in your spring cleaning; keep it up there on top of the heap and give it a chance to work on your conscience. Some one will pop up in your mind who ought to be a GUARDIAN subscriber if you can't think of anybody right off; and when that happens you'll have the postpaid sub blank right at hand.

Can we make it any easier? —THE EDITORS

Straws in the wind

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

In guarding your readers you sometimes discourage them too much. There are some signs of the times you do not mention. For instance, your Negro readers will be glad to know that (1) the Congregational Church (white) of Staffordville, Conn., has employed a Negro, Rev. R. T. Heacock, as pastor; (2) Herbert Lewis (Negro) is a teacher of science and English in the junior high of South Bend, Ind.; (3) Nell Cochrane (Negro) is president of the student body at Smith College.

These are just a few straws to show how the wind blows but they are encouraging. A reader

Man wanted

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Since our crazy policy was designed by a crazy man (James B. Forrestal), and since our high-priced President has been too lazy, too feeble-minded, and too busy playing medicine-ball on Florida beaches, taking yacht-rides and drinking his bourbon-and-tap-water around the poker table, to revise it—he should be at once impeached. We need a MAN in his position, not a JACKASS.

A mother with a boy in Korea

150,000,000 Van Winkles

LEWISTON, IDAHO

Enclosed find $12 to pay for 12 GUARDIAN subs for 30 weeks.

If we of the U.S. would only wake up to the fact that colonial-ridden peoples of the world are trying today to throw off the yoke of colonial imperialism, just as we threw it off 170 years ago, we could soon convince our leaders and our exploiters of this country to work for peace instead of war. Instead of following in the footsteps of Washington, Henry, Hancock and Jefferson we are following the policies of England of 200 years ago.

James H. Moore, Pres.
Nez Perce County PP
Central Committee

Basis of agreement

SAN CARLOS, CAL.

The situation as I view it is not that I disagree with your opinions upon occasion, but that I agree with your main issues in general.

The American Left cannot afford petty differences at the time of this crisis. The Progressive Party and the GUARDIAN need and deserve fullest possible support.

Dr. Thomas K. Ray

Parrots in Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C.

As a Canadian may I congratulate you on the courageous and forthright fight you are waging against U.S. reaction. Your paper is a splendid source of objective information about U.S. developments—developments which progressive, thinking persons here are watching with some trepidation as, unfortunately, the pattern — with a short time lag—is being faithfully parroted here as well.

Canadian reader

A great positive

OAKLAND, CALIF.

One of the things (among many) we like best about the GUARDIAN is the Mail Bag, where the voices of the people are full of a great positive. We know eventually those thousands who read the GUARDIAN now will speak for the millions who will demand—and get—Peace. Jean & Ed Ryden

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WAR & PEACE New scare fizzles; MacArthur splits Allies wider

EARLY this month hope for lessening world tensions rose.

• In Paris the Big Four deputies came close to agreement on an agenda for the proposed Foreign Ministers Conference. One commentator said: "Only a semi-colon divided them."

• At Lake Success the 12-nation Arab-Asian bloc, which tried to bring peace to Korea last winter, decided to try again. It had assurances that China was willing to negotiate: a month ago the Peking Government told India's Ambassador Panikkar, who asked if India could again act as mediator: "Wait until early April."

• Britain's Foreign Minister Morrison said the "psychological moment" had arrived to end the Korean War. Canada's External Affairs Minister Pearson warned the UN not to overextend itself in Korea. Both nations, wanting "to see the UN Korean commitment ended" (N.Y. **Times**), were prepared to back the Arab-Asian effort.

WHAT'S GOING ON? In Washington, the Administration and its Republican "opponents" grew more alarmed over public apathy to the war policy. Wide distrust of U.S. foreign policy was revealed in a Gallup Poll which reported that 45% believed the Administration was not doing as much as it could to prevent war; while 38% thought it was. The poll showed a majority "optimistic" that the Soviet Union would make no major move in the near future (in direct contradiction to Washington warnings.)

Public complacency "now" worries responsible leaders . . . as much as the fear of immediate war," Stewart Alsop reported in the N. Y. **Herald Tribune.** He quoted an experienced observer as maintaining:

> "Unless the Russians press the button, we'll be completely bogged by midsummer."

The temper of U.S. leaders, wrote Anne O'Hare McCormick in the N. Y. **Times,** is

> "too frayed for the slow processes on which the prevention of war depends . . . this spring and summer will be stormy beyond anything we have experienced to date."

Last week Washington moved to overcome the apathy and bring on the storm.

Wolf, wolf!

In the Senate the "Great Debate," long since reduced to the great quibble, ended with Senate approval of 250,000 American troops for Europe and no legal limitations on the President's power to send troops wherever he wants whenever he wants to. The Senate voted its "sense" that Congressional sanction be sought. It asked use of the "military resources" of Spain, West Germany, Greece and Turkey.

Action, Paris

SPRING IN BARCELONA

RAYBURN'S SPEECH: In the House on April 4 Speaker Sam Rayburn interrupted debate on the draft-UMT bill to announce in hushed tone that "non-Chinese Communist troops" were "massing" in Manchuria and to warn that

> "this complacency . . . had better not lull the American people to sleep because . . . we stand in the face of terrible danger and maybe the beginning of World War III.

Rayburn, who seldom takes the floor, came straight from a conference with

Vet's Voice, New York

OPERATION KILLER

President Truman at the White House. He gave the impression he was passing along information received there. There seemed little doubt that his words were in fact inspired at the White House. Other congressmen who attended indicated they had the same "information."

The President declined to comment on the Rayburn warning. But he called Rayburn an honest man, insisted the danger of World War III was as great as ever. GUARDIAN's John B. Stone described the press conference as

> a jaunty, joking, carefree session. . . . Apparently the President had no fear the trick wouldn't work.

HO, HUM: But the Administration's "crisis technique" was wearing thin. The **Wall St. Journal** commented:

> Unfortunately, the tactic of the manufactured crisis has been used so often that neither Congress nor the people know what they can believe.

United Press reported many in Congress considered the warning

> a bogus crisis . . . manufactured to help shove the controversial draft-UMT bill through Congress.

Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo.), leader of the anti-UMT fight, told reporters: "They're just crying wolf." Minority leader Joseph Martin (R-Mass.) declared:

> "Down through the years we have heard high officials of this government utter time and again the direst warnings of immediate bloodshed when a particular piece of legislation they wanted was before Congress."

Rayburn's war scare fell flat. Anger over the "trumped up world crisis," said the N. Y. **Times,** "gave impetus to a coalition drive against adoption of UMT." Even MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo could find "no tendency" toward a Soviet build-up in Manchuria. Moscow denied it had any troops in Manchuria. The N. Y. **Times'** Moscow correspondent found no hint of crisis in Russia.

MacArthur's role

But the Rayburn maneuver appeared to be only part of a dangerous game being played by U. S. policymakers. It coincided with London reports of 3,000 Soviet planes poised in Manchuria "to support the Chinese offensive." It was followed by reports published in Washington and India that MacArthur has authority to bomb China "under certain conditions." On April 5 the President refused to say that MacArthur had this authority but clearly indicated that he did by declaring it was a technical military matter. The N. Y. **Herald Tribune** reported April 7:

> Officials at the Pentagon . . . said there could be no question but that General MacArthur had the authority—implicit if not spelled out in so many words—to send his bombers over Manchuria air bases if the planes there began an all-out attack on UN forces in Korea. The possibility that the war might thus be extended by what the U. S. regards as a proper military decision by Gen. MacArthur added further to the disquiet felt by other UN members.

India's Minister Kirpalani called at the State Dept. for information on this authorization to MacArthur. State Dept. press chief McDermott said Kirpalani was told "it was a military matter. India has no troops in Korea."

THE GENERAL SPEAKS: Minority leader Martin wrote MacArthur March 8 asking his views on the use of Chiang Kai-shek's forces to open up a second Asiatic front. Martin read MacArthur's reply to the House the day following the Rayburn episode. His views, said MacArthur,

> "follow the conventional pattern of meeting force with maximum counter-force as we never failed to do in the past. . . . It seems the Communist conspirators have elected to make their play for global conquest, and that we have joined the issue thus raised on the battlefield; that here we fight Europe's war with arms, while the diplomats there still fight it with words; that if we lose the war to communism in Asia, the fall of Europe is inevitable; win it, and Europe most probably would avoid war yet preserve freedom. As you point out, we must win. There is no substitute for victory."

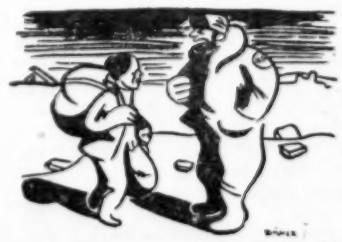
The MacArthur letter created a furore, especially in Britain. Labor MP Will Nally offered a motion in Commons saying that Britain has lost confidence in MacArthur. The Labour Government was not expected to permit the motion to be debated "even though it may privately share the sentiments expressed by Mr. Nally." (N.Y. **Herald Tribune**). British Minister of State Younger hit at "irresponsible statements" from high quarters, said Britain will persist in trying to get China into the UN.

The **Herald Tribune** reported from London that the Government had instructed its Washington embassy "to register a strong complaint" against the proposal to use Chiang's forces and Britain's "surprise that such a proposal could be made publicly by a military officer." This report was later diplomatically denied. But the British-U.S. split was widening.

WHO'S THE BOSS? In the U.S. the MacArthur clique in Congress demanded that a committee be rushed to Tokyo to consult the general "on strategy in the worldwide struggle against communism." The first substantial attack on MacArthur came from Sen. Robert Kerr (D-Okla.) who said:

> "Parts of what he is doing could get us deeper into war instead of successfully ending the one we are already in."

White House press secretary Short said the Formosa policy was unchanged. (Administration Formosa policy is the foundation stone of the MacArthur policy in the Far East which the Administration adopted intact last



Front, Brussels

"Where is Seoul?"
"You're there."

spring). The N.Y. **World Telegram** reported that the Joint Chiefs of Staff favor recalling MacArthur for open defiance of orders not to talk on political questions. The **Times** said a rebuke was more likely.

The most significant fact about the entire MacArthur incident was the Administration's failure to repudiate him for what could be regarded as an open call for war. The press here and abroad played his statement as defiance of the President. But the evidence strongly suggested it was a trial balloon launched with Washington's approval.

(The Peking radio reported April 8 that 24 U.S. B-29's and jets dropped more than 50 bombs in Antung in Manchuria near the Korean border.)

MacArthur's agitation for war with China, wrote Walter Lippman,

> "would strain to the breaking point our alliance with the British nations and Western Europe. It would widen—perhaps irreparably—the breach which has already been made between this country and the Arab-Asian bloc."

Europe's reaction

As a result not only of the MacArthur incident but also of U.S. conduct at the four-power meeting of deputies in Paris, the dangerous impression was spreading in Europe that the U.S. considers bargaining useless and war inevitable, CBS correspondent Howard K. Smith reported from London April 8. Smith, who had just returned from Paris, said that five weeks of talk have revealed that the U.S. has no terms for settlement, that the Russians have yielded on many points and the U.S.'s Jessup is afraid of the topic of German remilitarization.

British and French diplomats told him privately, Smith said, that they considered the U.S. position "wrong and dangerous." Europe's attitude toward the Paris talks was summed up by Britain's **Manchester Guardian:**

> The Western deputies have gained their primary points on an agenda and to go on raising objections suggests that they do not really want a conference.

RECONSTRUCTION: But the West, under U.S. prodding, continued to raise objections and to charge that Soviet "rearmament" was the cause of world tensions. The pro-American London **Economist** last week published a comprehensive survey of Soviet economy which came to the conclusion that

> reconstruction rather than rearmament was the chief preoccupation of Russia's first post-war five-year plan.

But in Europe, as in Asia, Washington was refusing to do any bargaining or even to state the terms on which it would bargain. "Not since Munich," said an English observer quoted by Howard K. Smith, "has there been such an abdication of leadership."

Marcantonio aids Patterson

Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, whose comments as head of the N.Y. State American Labor Party and a leader of the national Progressive Party have been appearing regularly in these columns, is in Washington working on the legal defense of William Patterson, secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, against charges of contempt of Congress. Marcantonio's comments will be resumed in future issues.

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International Situation Eliminates Likelihood Of Major Decline

If there were no huge and expanding defense program in the picture and if there were no international situation that might turn decidedly worse almost overnight, there would be little doubt that the very large inventories in manufacturing and distribution channels — coupled with the sudden coyness of the buying public—would constitute the basis for expecting a general commodity price decline of major proportions.

Simply divinely crazy

In Hollywood last month Edward Rothschild, millionaire carpet dealer, showed off his $5,400 backyard bomb shelter with 3-foot thick walls and built-in radio, telephone, stove and Geiger counter.

But his film star friends weren't impressed. Ray Milland said: "I have no desire to be the only man alive on earth." Jeanne Crain said she didn't think "the times warrant" such measures. "It will be a sad day when they do, for I think the shelters indicate a loss of faith in peace," she added.

Rothschild seemed a little sheepish. "I personally don't think we'll be bombed, but I'm fortunate to have the money and I like crazy things," he explained.

Use old GUARDIANS to win new subscribers. Mail them to your friends. A simple, open-end wrapper and a 1c stamp will do the job.

A new list of American prisoners of war in Korea

SINCE our Mar. 7 issue, publishing the first excerpts of POW letters from North Korea, the Guardian has been deluged with requests to look for the names of missing men among the lists we receive periodically from the **China Monthly Review.**

With the latest batch arriving last week, **Review** editor John W. (Bill) Powell wrote from Shanghai:

So far there has been no official list of PW's released by the Chinese. The only names given so far are the ones I have sent you plus those I am enclosing this time. . . .

This means that the GUARDIAN's small accumulation of some 800 names is just about the only one available to the American public at this time. We urge that you undertake to notify anyone in your area whose address appears here with POW names, since this may be the only means they have of knowing whether their missing sons, husbands, brothers, fathers or sweethearts are alive.

A BAD DREAM: Here are some excerpts from the newest letters to reach us, plus the names and addresses of others who have given letters to China News Agency correspondents to be excerpted and mailed home.

Capt. Stephen Uurtamo (Thurtamo?) to his wife, Beatrice, 733 Washington St. Allentown, Pa.:

This bad dream could have been avoided through realization of the rights of peoples to live in peace without interference of strong-armed nations. Both Joe and Bill could come to the fore by teaching their congregations the stupidity shown by the United Nations in their aggression in Korea.

The United States wants awakening. . .

Cpl. Albert Dixon to his wife Annie, 512 O'Connee St. Manchester, Ga.:

I hope to be home as soon as our big shots leave these people alone and keep their noses out of other people's affairs. . . . I won't fight another war unless it's for my home.

Pat De Beneditto to his mother, 358 Jersey St., Staten Island, N. Y.:

I read the papers of some people in the U.S. believing the Chinese are the aggressors. That's a lot of baloney. Right back at home are the aggressors. They are the reason why I am here.

Cpl. Roscoe Perry, to his wife, 1015 E. 7th St. Columbus, Ga.:

After seeing some of the dead and homeless civilians in small villages that had no part in this fight, I am ashamed to say I am part of the team responsible for this havoc.

Bob Messman to Mrs. Marty Messman, 1243 Masonic Ave., San Francisco:

It will be a real tragedy if the American people let our warped Asian policy drag us into another war. . . . The U.S. is knocking its head against a wall if they continue to support Chiang's debunked regime. These people have been real friends.

Paul to Jeanne McGinnis, 520 E. Ravine St. Faribault, Minn.:

We have a regular schedule at the camp.

First we get up about seven and go on a morning walk. Then we have about a half hour to wash up for breakfast. We study until noon. Afternoons we usually spend washing our clothes, going to lectures and sometimes chopping wood. Our studies are mainly politics and the Korean situation. We were issued a towel, toothbrush, tooth paste and soap and two packages of cigarettes the other night. These Chinese people treat us more as friends than as prisoners.

POW GETS FIRST AID
Given by a Chinese volunteer

Henry C. Corner to his parents c/o Van Luvance, Reading Terminal, Room 312, 12th and Market, Philadelphia:

The war has not done a thing but ruin Korea. The Chinese are treating us very nicely even though conditions are rough due to the way the U.S. Air Force is operating.

[Editor Powell explains: "Lately there have been a few stories of U.S. planes strafing clearly marked POW camps. . . . It is burning the hides off the POW's, who have begun to issue statements of denunciation of their own arms."]

Other POW letters were sent by:

Gerald Neighbors to Shirley Neighbors, Box 106, Hereford, Tex.

Fritz Kvale to O. V. Kvale, Onamia, Minn.

Carl to Mrs. Carl Helms, Box 145, Blair, Neb.

Duane Braswell to Mrs. Braswell, Crossett, Ark., Route 1, Box 163.

J. Branton to Mrs. Truly Branton, 604 Drake St., Statesville, N.C.

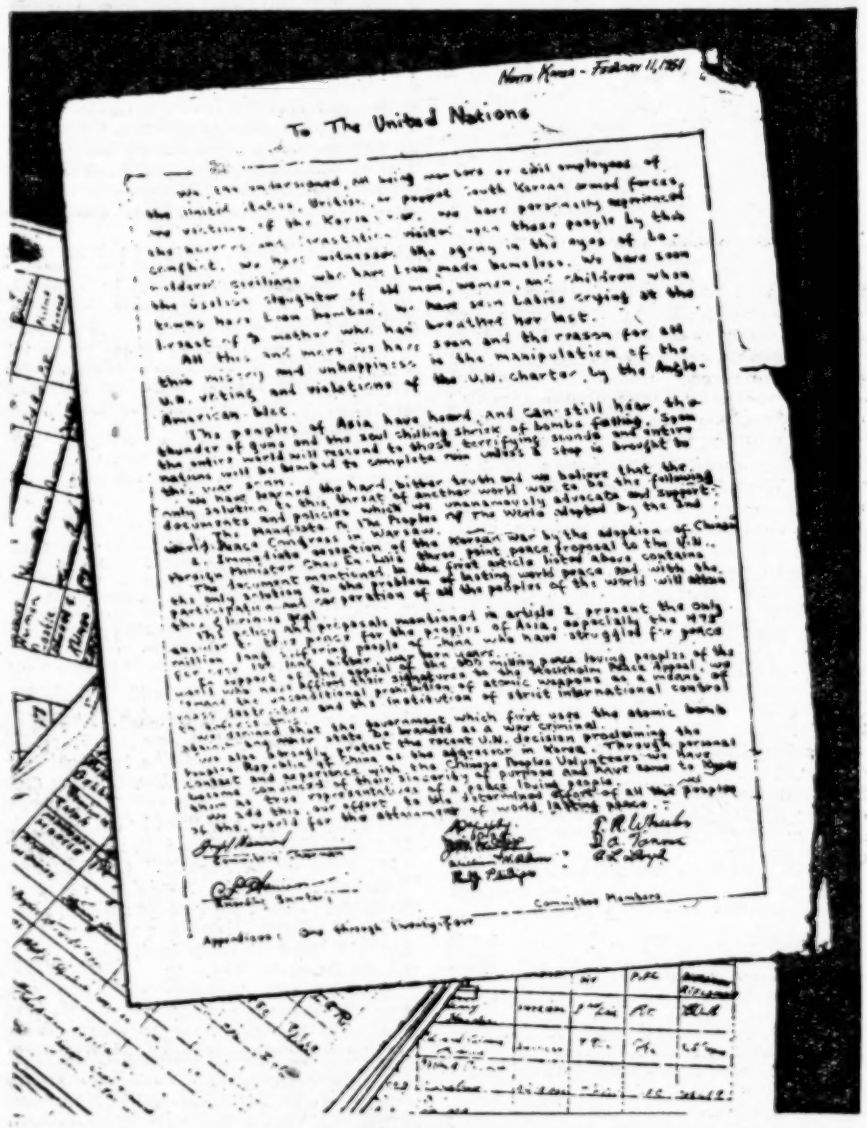
George Shaffer to Mrs. Shaffer, 447 Clark St. South, Williamsport, Pa.

Donald Tundo to his family, 2642 Hillyer, Detroit.

Irvin Edwards to Mrs. William Herret, Broad Run, Va.

Homer Richardson to Mrs. Richardson, Route 2 Box 29, Alexandria (Va?)

Jimmie Dunn to his family, Murphy, Okla.



American POW's appeal to UN

After five weeks of discussion among POWs in a North Korea prison camp this winter, S/S Wm. H. Olson, 7th Div., proposed an appeal to the UN. A preparation committee drew up the above draft and it was signed by 279 POWs at a rally Feb. 11. The above signatories in addition to Olson are Pvt. Joseph Hammond, 10th Army Corps, preparations committee chairman; S/S Charles L. Harrison, 1st Marines, recording sec'y; Peter Murphy, Royal Marines (British); Sgt. Morris L. Estess, 1st Marines; Maj. John N. McLaughlin, 10th Army Corps, honorary committee member; Pfc. Paul J. Phillips, 1st Marines; Cpl. Theodore P. Wheeler, 1st Div.; Sgt. Douglas A. Tanner, 7th Div.; and Lt. A. L. Lloyd, 1st Marines. Other reports from China provide the addresses of four of the foregoing: Lloyd, Box 134, 227 4th Av., Quantico, Va.; McLaughlin, 500 Clement Av., Charlotte, N.C.; Phillips, 252 Cypress Mill Road, Florence, Ala.; Tanner, 179 River Road, Grandview-on-Hudson, N.Y. The GUARDIAN has the names but not the addresses of all the other of the 279 signatories and also those of more than 300 other prisoners who signed a briefer but similar appeal in February entitled "May We Be Heard?" (GUARDIAN, March 7).

Vesper Millspaugh to his wife, P.O. Box 1271, Lawton, Okla.

George Hook to his mother, Route 3, Aiken, S.C.

Sgt. William Geyer to his wife, 7423½ Tacoma Av., Tacoma, Wash.

Leonard Hartwell to his wife, 8423 S. Stevens St., Tacoma 9.

Paul Miller to his wife, c/o Ellis B. Jacks, Route 1, Meridianville, Ala.

Sgt. Lloyd Sconberg to his family, Renville, Minn.

Pvt. James Miller to his family, 560 Fallis Rd., Columbus 2, Ohio.

Sgt. Herman Pederson to his family, 116 3rd St. S.W., Minot, N. Dak.

Cpl. Delbert Byrom to his sister, Mrs. Paerlina Wilson, 137 Stewart Av., Kansas City.

Master Sgt. James Williams to his wife, 8426 N. Villere St. New Orleans.

Master Sgt. Porches Wright to his wife, 54 Lincoln St. Battle Creek, Mich.

Pvt. James Veneris to his family, 700 York Ave., Hawthorne, Calif.

Bob Kilpatrick to his wife, 816 N.W. 24th Court, Miami, Fla.

Edward to Mrs. Stephanie Bereolus, 5178 S. Bishop St., Chicago.

Jimmie Sanders to his wife, Quarters 391C, McDill Airforce Base, Tampa, Fla.

Ronald Alley to his wife, 1883 State St., Schenectady, N.Y.

James Edwards to his wife, P.O. Box 238 Montevallo, Ala.

Ninevah A. Carter to his wife, 225 S. Jefferson Av., St. Louis, Mo.

Gabriel Forlales to his wife, Odiongang, Romblon, Philippines.

Mamerto Mangle to his mother, Tabugon Liloan, Leyte, Philippines.

Capt. James C. Williams to his wife, Box 133, Warner, Okla.

James E. Stevens to his wife, 3821 N. (?) 8th St. Tacoma 6.

Lt. Roland V. Sund to his wife, Box 75, Buffalo, Iowa.

Capt. Edwin Eklund to his wife c/o B. O'Neill, 20 Park Drive, Bel Harbor, Miami Beach, Fla.

Cpl. Wesley Murray to Mrs. Virginia Parker, 753 W. 171 St. N.Y. 31.

Sgt. Thomas Crayton to his wife, 1130 Concho St., Austin, Tex.

Lt. Edward Siedler to his family, 1946 Berkley Av., Cincinnati.

Capt. Alfred Q. Ellis to his wife, 1423 S. 51 St., Tacoma.

Casey Jones Robinette to his wife, P.O. Box 433, Taylorville, N.C.

James MacRoberts to his wife, 2746 Hope St., Huntington Park, Calif.

Cpl. James Lemaster to Mrs. Lemaster, Barnetts Creek, Ky.

Cpl. Gerald Davey to Mrs. Davey, 2545 Davenport St., Omaha.

Master Sgt. William Powell to his wife, 32 A Lane B, Garden Dale, Garden City, Kan.

Master Sgt. Roy Gordon to his wife, 1436 E. 46 St. Tacoma.

Lt. Riley Brunner to his mother, Route 2, Lamar, Okla.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Everything for the Front

Know of a missing GI? Check with the GUARDIAN

FROM John W. Powell, American editor of the China Monthly Review in Shanghai, the GUARDIAN has received the names of approximately 650 more American soldiers in prison camps in North Korea. These names are in addition to those reprinted elsewhere on this page or reported in our Mar. 7 and April 4 issues.

Except for men who have written letters to families in the U.S., we have no addresses, only name, rank and serial number.

If you know of families whose men have been reported missing, send us the full name and serial number in each case and we will gladly check them against the names we have and give you a quick answer. Many men reported missing and thought dead have been found alive among the POWs.

Please be extremely careful not to raise the hopes of families in undertaking this, because our lists contain only the names of men who have signed various group appeals for peace and a fair deal for Korea or who have asked Chinese correspondents to send messages home for them.

PEACE

The Big Scare is on, Mrs. Moos asserts

If civilization is to survive we must cultivate the science of human relationships, the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together in the same world, at Peace.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

MRS. ELIZABETH MOOS, small, sprightly 51-year-old grandmother and an author of books on education, was busily at work abroad cultivating the science of human relationship, collecting material in Poland and Czechoslovakia for a new book. On Feb. 9 this year, along with Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Abbott Simon, Kyrle Elkin and Sylvia Soloff, she was indicted for failure to register under the Foreign Registration Act as a representative of the U.S. Peace Information Center, which was dissolved last autumn.

Already abroad when the indictment was returned, Mrs. Moos could not have been extradited. But last week she came flying home—"on my own steam and of my own free will and fighting mad"—because "peace is the basic issue" and she was convinced she could best serve the cause of peace by standing trial now with the others. At the airport she was promptly handcuffed and hustled off to be booked."

ELIZABETH MOOS
Woman with a mission

TRIAL MAY 15: She was released the same day on $1,000 bail; April 20 was set for a hearing on motions and the trial date was set for May 15.

Her main concern is to communicate to Americans "the depth of the peace sentiment abroad." She said:

> "The timing of our trial is significant—the world peace movement is now reach-its peak. The purpose of the indictments was to frighten others from working for peace. If Americans knew the scope and strength of the movement abroad they would take heart; a danger of not knowing it is the feeling that they are fighting alone, a sense of isolation. The Americans must come to know that in working for peace they are part of an enormous world movement. The reverse of this is that Europeans are so surprised to meet an American standing for peace that they react like one woman I encountered: she invited me to her home so her child could look at me. But wherever I talked to people, they assured me that they realize that the U. S. government, not the U. S. people, promotes a war spirit."

SCARE TACTICS: The House Committee on Un-American Activities took a hand during the week at frightening Americans from the peace movement; it issued a lengthy "report" describing the world "peace offensive" as "the most dangerous hoax ever devised by the international Communist conspiracy," and containing a new smear list of 350 prominent Americans who have sponsored or supported peace groups here and abroad.

The State Dept. seized the passport of Mrs. Theresa Robinson, prominent Negro leader, a veteran Elk and long an active Republican, because she violated technical restrictions by attending the World Peace Congress in Warsaw last December.

The National Labor Relations Board approved the discharge of a Wisconsin hosiery mill worker for signing the Stockholm Peace Pledge.

Natl. Council Against Conscription

PEACE VS. DYNAMITE: In the mining regions of the Coeur d'Alene Valley in Idaho there was a series of violent acts against peace workers; the trailer home of one was dynamited; others were physically attacked; one nearly lost an eye. But a correspondent reports that "new forces are joining the fight."

A public opinion poll in New York's Greenwich Village showed 77.6% in favor of peace now in Korea; 75% against sending troops to Europe and drafting 18-year-olds.

Michigan delegates who attended the recent Peace Pilgrimage in Washington met after their return and formed a Michigan Council for Peace.

The Boston **Sunday Post** urged its readers to protest the "Prussianizing" of the U.S. through Universal Military Training, which it called

> ...the most radical departure from our way of life since the start of the Republic.

CALIFORNIA

U. C. loyalty oath is ruled illegal

THE University of California one time was rated as one of the nation's best institutions of higher learning. Fourteen months ago its Board of Regents ordered its educators to sign a special non-communist loyalty oath as a condition of employment; since then the school's standing has declined sharply. Gone were 110 scholars, many of them at the top of their professions. Twenty-six were dismissed for refusal to sign the oath, 37 resigned, 47 refused to accept appointments. A total of 55 courses had to be dropped. More than 1,200 leading members of the academic world publicly protested the oath requirement; 20 professional societies and groups condemned the oath.

Of the 26 dismissed, 18 appealed the ruling. Last week the Third District Court of Appeals reached a unanimous decision: the oath is unconstitutional,

the dismissed educators must be reinstated. The court held that the regular constitutional oath of allegiance is sufficient. It said:

> The exacting of any other test of loyalty would be antithetical to our fundamental concept of freedom . . . the danger of subversion from within by the gradual whittling away and the resulting disintegration of the very pillars of our freedom.

An attorney for the regents "assumed" an appeal would be taken to the State Supreme Court. The regent who led the fight for the special oath had no comment.

Berman places 2d; Roybal wins 3-1

WITH education for peace as his campaign keynote Jack Berman, executive vice president of the Independent Progressive Party in Los Angeles County, ran for a seat on Los Angeles' Board of Education. He came out second in a field of four. Here are the results:

Olin E. Darby (incumbent)	193,156
Jack Berman	56,348
Anthony E. Ianne	30,278
Gideon Riggs	45,610

Low man in the race for another Board of Education seat was Communist Party legislative director Henry Steinberg, who polled 39,707 votes out of a total of 337,534.

Charges of adulterated food in school cafeterias, insurance graft and misuse of school funds to buy automobiles for board members damaged the incumbents only slightly. Gertrude H. Rounsavelle and Lawrence Larrabee face run-off contests.

ROYBAL WINS: Progressives counted one clear-cut primary victory. Councilman Edward R. Roybal, only Mexican-American councilman in 50 years, leader in the fight against rent decontrol and "communist" registration ordinances, won 3 to 1 over Irving Rael, furniture dealer backed by local business interests. The vote: Roybal, 17,941; Rael, 5,762.

Lloyd G. Davies, red-baiting councilman from Hollywood, was defeated, but nine other council incumbents who supported rent decontrol won primary contests.

EDUCATE THE COPS: In Richmond, progressives pooled their strength behind one Negro candidate, Rev. Lotton L. Fowler, in the councilmanic elections set for May 8. It was the first time such unity had been attained.

In the third district of West Oakland progressives aimed at such unity but failed to bring it off. There will be three Negro councilmanic candidates. Top progressive choice is Rev. Warren L. Broussard, full-time longshoreman, part-time deacon, formerly a volunteer organizer for the CIO Oil Workers Union, chairman of the East Bay Harry Bridges Defense Committee, field examiner for the Natl. Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Among Rev. Broussard's platform planks are: a public works program, FEP ordinance, education and bonding of policemen to help eliminate brutality, 30,000 low-rent housing units, better health service, lighter tax burden on small business, wage raise for city employees.

Mrs. Frances Willard Johnson, school teacher and trade unionist last week announced her candidacy for school director on Oakland's Board of Education and drew immediate progressive support.

In Long Beach IPP leader Victor E. Proniewski declared himself in the running for city councilman.

MONTANA MINER: Montana property qualifications ruled out all but one PP candidate: John Goforth, miner. He polled 31% of the vote for alderman in Butte's fifth ward: 361 out of 1,153 votes cast.

NEW YORK

Foes shake backers of sales tax rise

STAID businessmen stood up in New York's Hotel Biltmore last week and proposed picket lines, parades, stoppages and tax refusals by 103,000 N.Y. retailers. One said:

> "They haven't got enough jails to put in 103,000 people at one time."

The rally was called by Walter Hoving, president of Bonwit Teller and head of the Anti-Sales Tax Committee, to plan the fight against the proposed rise in the city's sales tax from 2% to 3%. He welcomed delegates from labor groups, right, left and center. Only the real estate interests were for the bill. Otherwise the city seemed solid.

Nevertheless, before the public hearing at City Hall on Friday, the skids had reportedly been greased, the tax rise a sure thing. Some 5,000 New Yorkers descended on City Hall Plaza that day. They filled the gallery, lined up at the microphone. Outside were pickets from the Distributive, Office and Processing Workers of America, the Union of department store and warehouse employees.

"COMPROMISE": Arthur Schutzer, executive secretary of the American Labor Party, speaking against the tax grab, asked that the city's needs be met via an accurate estimate of the city's revenue (underestimated this year by $44,548,474 to plead poverty), re-assessment of big real estate holdings, and a special session of the legislature to increase state aid.

When he finished, Bronx Councilman Joseph Keegan asked him to step outside, said he might go along with a demand for a special session of the legislature. To Schutzer it seemed a tip-off to administration strategy: ask for a special session, pass the tax boost in the meantime. It would accomplish the Democratic administration's objective and throw the heat back on the heavily Republican state legislature.

Schutzer reminded him that the real issue was to prevent the sales tax grab now. On that point many councilmen were said to be wavering over the weekend. It was no longer a sure thing.

TIME-TABLE: This is the time-table in the anti-sales tax fight:

On Wednesday, April 11, the measure goes to the Council, on Thursday to the Board of Estimate. The United Labor Action Committee has called for mass lobbies at City Hall on both days to buttonhole councilmen and members of the Board. The measure then goes to the Mayor who must hold a public hearing on the bill before signing it. If things reach such a pass, mass turnouts will be in order, including a large City Hall demonstration planned by the United Labor Action Committee Tuesday April 17 if the sales tax increase is still an issue.

FREEDOMS

State Dept. defends McGee's sentence

WORLD-WIDE protests against Willie McGee's death sentence were worry enough to the Administration, but particularly worrisome was the size of the protest movement in England. The U.S. Embassy in London recently issued a bulletin asserting that McGee's lynch trials "have been in the best American tradition wherein justice is assured for all. . . ." The State Dept. announced that it had obtained its information on the case from Mississippi's attorney general. The Civil Rights Congress commented:

> "The State Dept., by this action, stands exposed as an agent of the legal lynchers. It did not come to McGee's attorneys or to his wife, or to the witnesses who have offered to swear to his innocence. It went to the very forces who knowingly framed an innocent man on perjured testimony, and are sending him to the electric chair only because he is a Negro. . . . The complicity of the U. S. government, particularly in the crimes committed by the Southern states against the Negro people, has been clearly brought out. . . ."

WHITE HOUSE DELUGED: In Laurel, Miss., county prosecutor E. K. Collins, announced he would promptly arrest any one there working in McGee's defense. But around the rest of the country there were few towns, no large cities, where defense activities were not being whipped up to maximum pace. Telegrams, letters and postcards were flooding the White House urging Pres. Truman to intercede.

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Mrs. Rosalee McGee, the condemned man's wife, addressed a letter to each of the Latin American foreign ministers meeting in Washington:

> Please raise the question of my husband's life in your meetings. In your country there are millions of colored people. Were they to come here to my country they too could be the victim of jimcrow justice as is my husband.

From Mexico City the headquarters of the Confederation of Workers of Latin America (1,000,000 members) cabled Mr. Truman.

In New York City the United Labor Action Committee pledged its 300,000 supporters to McGee's defense, announced a labor delegation to Washington on April 18 in conjunction with the Harlem Trade Union Council.

30-DAY RESPITE? The Mississippi Supreme Court was expected to announce a new execution date on Monday, but CRC lawyers invoked a state law which will automatically block carrying out the death sentence for at least 30 days.

They applied directly to Gov. Wright for a pardon, then inserted a copy of the application in a daily paper where it will be published daily for 30 days, at the end of which time the governor must act on the plea. The execution cannot take place before the expiration of the 30-day period.

Lawyers Guild meets on rights violations

FOR Friday evening and all day Saturday, April 13 and 14, the Constitutional Liberties Committee of the National Lawyers Guild scheduled a conference on civil liberties in New York's Willkie Memorial Bldg. Nineteen leading attorneys were listed as speakers. The Guild said:

> Believing firmly that our democratic institutions can be preserved only by the fullest exercise of the civil liberties of the American people, we are greatly concerned at the constantly increasing restrictions which are being placed upon these rights.

Around the country, these were some of the increasing restrictions:

The **University of Hawaii** withdrew an invitation to **Dr. Linus Pauling** of California Institute of Technology to dedicate its new chemistry building after learning he is associated with U.S. peace movements. . . . **William L. Patterson,** head of the Civil Rights Congress, went on trial Thursday in Washington on a contempt of Congress charge. . . . **Thomas J. Fitzpatrick** and **Talmadge Raley,** leaders of the United Electrical Workers, were acquitted of contempt charges. **Julius Emspak,** secretary-treasurer of the union, was appealing his conviction.

Albert Maltz, screen writer and novelist, was released after serving a one-year sentence for contempt; six others of the Hollywood Ten will be released later this month. But April 10 was the

CARL MARZANI
Long enough

date for the start of a new Hollywood witch-hunt. . . . On Thursday a court hearing began in a legal move to force the State Dept. to restore to **Paul Robeson** his passport.

PLEA FOR MARZANI: The Committee in Defense of Carl Marzani issued a new appeal for a letter-writing campaign to James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C., urging an immediate parole. Marzani has already served more than two years of a one-to-three-year sentence, has twice been denied parole, and has been deprived of his time off for good behavior for a minor infraction of prison rules.

Pennsylvanians rally against new repressive legislation

PENNSYLVANIANS were scheduled to rally at Harrisburg April 10 in the face of the state legislature's worst offensive against freedom.

The non-partisan People's Lobby named the day People's Day and issued the call. Up for legislative action were

- Loyalty oaths from state employees with provisions threatening perjury prosecutions and blacklisting.
- The death penalty for "sabotage" (loosely defined) even in peacetime. (Already passed and waiting the governor's signature.)
- Registration of "subversives" including those with suspect connections up to 5 years before the act's passage.
- New taxes on low income groups.

The Progressive Party threw its forces behind the lobby. A citizen committee, including former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts and Clarence Pickett of the Friends Service Committee was formed to oppose the bills. Also in opposition are the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania, Americans for Democratic Action, Pennsylvania State Federation of Womens Clubs, Jewish Community Relations Council, Philadelphia CIO Council.

LABOR

TWO CONVENTIONS

ILWU assails war; UAW hikes dues

CLEVELAND and Honolulu are 4,600 miles apart. But the union convention, held in those cities last week were even farther apart.

- In the Queen's Surf Hotel on Waikiki Beach delegates gathered at the ninth biennial convention of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, one of the nation's most militant independent unions, thorn in the side of CIO and AFL leaders, target of their raiders.
- In Cleveland's Hollenden Hotel the CIO United Auto Workers 13th convention provided a measure of strength of the officially-approved labor movement. UAW had set the pace for pro-Truman unions. It had devised the formula of tying wages to prices in escalator clauses, agreeing to long-term contracts, sacrificing wage raises for pensions. It has raided wherever possible.

Longshore

President Harry Bridges keynoted the ILWU convention this way:

> "Our approach must be the direct connection between the question of war and peace and the welfare of the working people of this country and of all countries."

The 117-page officers' report said:

> We must refuse to allow the Herbert Hoovers and Tafts to parade as the spokesmen for peace. And let us likewise refuse to allow the rank and file of labor and the American people to be misled by the politicians now in power who hypocritically claim to seek peace while they make war inevitable.

ILWU could point to victories in the hard-fought Hawaiian strike that won a 21c-an-hour increase; and the 110-day San Francisco strike which cracked the wage freeze on the West Coast.

WHAT THEY DID: The longshore delegates

- Condemned Coast Guard screening of waterfront workers. (Even the comparatively small right-wing opposition went along.)
- Called for repeal of the McCarran Act.
- Directed their officers to promote, along with other unions, a 72-hour nation-wide "holiday" in protest against Taft-Hartley.
- Authorized "any action necessary" to force government approval of the increase won in Hawaii.
- Instructed officers to seek conferences with other unions "sympathetic with ILWU aims."
- Reaffirmed the union's political independence.
- Renewed support for Harry Bridges and other persecuted longshoremen.
- Called for statehood for Hawaii and Alaska.

Auto

The big issue consuming two of the convention's five days was President Walter Reuther's demand to increase dues from $1.50 to $2.50 a month. Joined loosely in opposition were rank-and-filers mistrustful of Reuther, disgruntled union politicians, conservatives like Carl Stellato, who narrowly defeated progressive opposition for the presidency of Ford Local 600.

The floor fight collapsed with Stellato admitting that he fought the dues raise not out of conviction but because his local had instructed him to do so. Reuther, regarding the dues raise as a test of strength, called in CIO President Philip Murray who backed him strongly. Only 495 of the 2,000 delegates voted against. The Reuther machine was in the saddle.

OUT OF THE WILDERNESS: Early in the convention the unscheduled issue of lily-white leadership was raised. Reuther's administration has never proposed a Negro on its slate of top officers. James Watt of Ford Local 600, a longtime Reuther supporter, commented on the fair employment practice clause in the statement of principles of the United Labor Policy Committee:

> "It's a UAW voice of hypocrisy crying in the wilderness and these words will not be translated into deeds. No Negro has ever been put in a top post. Excuse me, I am mistaken. One was made co-director of the fair practices department. At the last convention he was allowed to sing through the mike. I think he sang Ol' Black Joe."

In the elections the anti-Reuther coalition had originally resolved to run a full slate. Shortly before nominations the non-progressives dropped the fight, announced they were giving Reuther "another chance," refused to nominate a Negro for a vice-presidency.

Progressives in Local 600 nominated Dave Moore, Negro vice-president of the Gear and Axle Building in Ford to "end a 15-year shame." He got only 303 votes. Reuther was unopposed for the presidency.

APPLES AND RATS: The delegates gave little time to the record. (Auto workers wages have risen only 13c an hour since July, 1949, less than the increase in the cost of living.) They hastily considered wage stabilization, fair employment practices and the state of the nation—all in omnibus resolutions carrying no plan of action.

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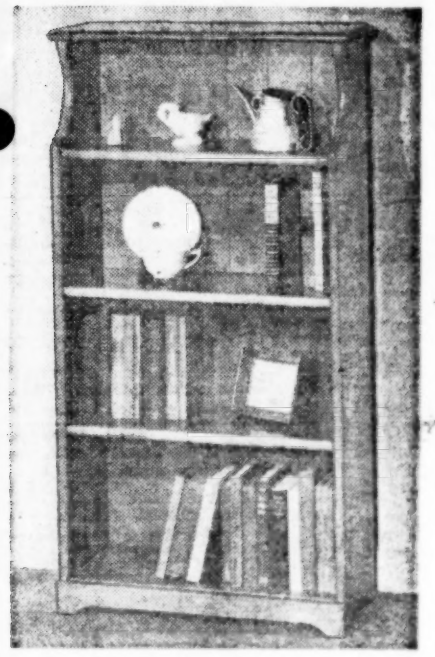

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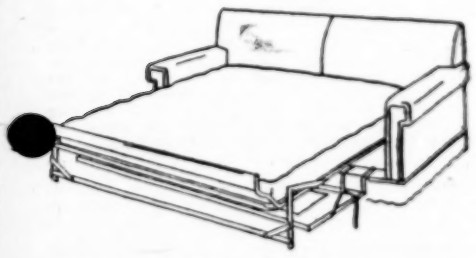

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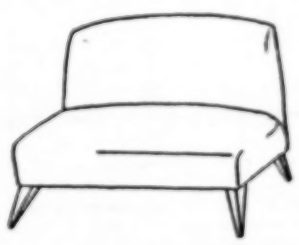

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